


# THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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**Monday, the 9th February 1959.**

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

## I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

## STARRED QUESTIONS.

*Scales of pay and dearness allowance of Government employees*

* 11 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to raise the scales of pay and dearness allowance of its employees; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter stands?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have since decided to set up a Commission to scrutinise the present pay structure, dearness allowance, other compensatory concessions and retiring benefits of the Government servants in this State and to recommend a rational structure for the future. Since the Commission may take some time to formulate its proposals, the Government have also decided to grant an interim relief of Rs. 5 per mensem to all their Non-Gazetted employees. This concession will take effect retrospectively with the salary due to be drawn on 1st January 1959.

**SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI** : இந்தச் சம்பள விகிதம்பற்றி விசாரணை செய்து அறிக்கை சமர்ப்பிக்க ஏற்பட்டிருக்கும் குழுவின் தலைவராக ஸ்ரீ ராமுண்ணி மேனன் நியமிக்கப்பட்டிருப்பதாகக் கவர்னர் உரையிலிருந்து தெரிகிறது. மற்ற உறுப்பினர்கள் நியமிக்கப்பட்டுவிட்டார்களா ? அவர்கள் யார் யார் என்று சொல்ல முடியுமா ?

**THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM** : மற்ற உறுப்பினர்கள் இன்னும் நியமிக்கப்படவில்லை.

**SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI** : கெஸட் பதிவில்லாத ஊழியர்கள் கூட்டத்தில் இந்தக் குழுவிற்கு ஒரு நீதிபதியை நியமிக்கவேண்டுமென்று ஒரு அபிப்பிராயம் தெரிவிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதே, அது குறித்து அரசாங்கம் கவனம் செலுத்தியதா ?

**THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM** : நீதிபதி என்று சொன்னால், விஷயங்களைத் தெரிந்துகொண்டு தீர்ப்புக் கொடுக்கக் கூடியவர்தான் நீதிபதி. அந்த முறையில் ஸ்ரீ ராமுண்ணி மேனன் ஒரு நீதிபதிதான். அவர் ஒரு நீதிபதியாக, மேஜிஸ்ட்ரேட்டாக வேலை பார்த்திருக்கிறார்.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : I want clarification on one point. It is stated that the concession will take effect with the salary due to be drawn on 1st January 1959. Does it mean that the

addition will be with the salary due for December or January 1959? In some companies and schools, the salaries are paid on the last working day of the month, that is, 30th or 31st.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It is due with the salary payable on 1st January 1959.

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : இந்தக் குழு சம்பள விகிதம்பற்றி மட்டுந்தான் கவனிக்குமா ? அல்லது இலாகாக்களிலுள்ள வேறு காரியங்களையும் கவனிக்குமா ? அதாவது ரிஜிஸ்ட்ரேஷன் இலாகாவில் உள்ளவர்கள் அநேகர் உயர்தரப் பதவிகளுக்கு வரமுடிவதில்லை. அதேபோல் ஸ்தல ஸ்தாபனங்களை எடுத்துக்கொண்டால், உயர்தரப் பதவிகளுக்கு வர முடியாமல் அவர்கள் ஒய்வு பெறுகிறார்கள். இம்மாதிரி விஷயங்களையும் அக்குழு ஆராயுமா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think so. This Commission will go into the pay structure and other emoluments only.

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : ஐந்து ரூபாய் கொடுத்தால், மொத்தம் எவ்வளவு செலவு ஆகும் ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : வருடத்திற்கு ரூ. 175 லட்சமாகும்.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I know whether the Hon. the Finance Minister has taken cognizance of the point made at the recent conference of the Non-Gazetted Officers that Sri Ramunni Menon was a party to the dispute or was dealing with the matter for a long time with the result that his appointment as Chairman of the Commission would be embarassing both to him and to the Non-Gazetted Officers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : There was no dispute and Sri Ramunni Menon was never a party to the dispute. Any decisions that might have been taken then were taken by the Government and we take full responsibility for those decisions. I do not think Sri Ramunni Menon took any hostile attitude or any attitude which was prejudicial to the interests of the Non-Gazetted Officers.

DR. MAHOMED USMAN : May I know whether the Government would consider the question of making the pay of the Central and the State Government Non-Gazetted Officers the same at least in the case of the future entrants?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That is a matter which I am sure the Central Pay Commission may take into consideration. That is the point of view which we have put forward before the Central Pay Commission.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : இதோடு ஸ்தல ஸ்தாபன ஊழியர்களின் சம்பள விகிதம்பற்றியும் கவனிக்க ஏதாவது ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : கவர்னர் உரையைப் பார்த்தால் ஸ்தல ஸ்தாபன ஊழியர்களின் சம்பள விகிதமும் கவனிக்கப்படுமென்பதைக் காணலாம்.

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SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR: Will the Central Government make any grants for the expenses to be incurred by the State Government in this connection? Will the Government try to get a contribution from them?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: We would always try to get a contribution from the Central Government.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: May I know whether the increase is enhancement of salary or dearness allowance?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: It is enhancement of emoluments.

SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAI: What will be the additional expenditure to this Government, supposing the scales of pay of our Non-Gazetted Officers are made identical with those of the Central Government servants?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Leaving aside the salary, if we want to equalise the dearness allowance alone, it would cost Rs. $5\frac{1}{2}$ crores to this Government.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR: In choosing Sri Ramunni Menon as Chairman of the Commission, do the Government think that they have chosen the best man available?

*Fire accidents*

* 12 *Q.*—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to furnish a districtwar statement showing—

(*a*) the number of fire accidents which occurred during the year 1957 and for the period January to June 1958, with the reasons therefor;

(*b*) the number of houses damaged, the number of persons died or injured and the value of property lost in fire; and

(*c*) the aid, if any, given in this regard?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) The particulars are furnished in Annexures I and II of the paper [a] placed on the table of the House.

(*b*) The particulars are furnished in Annexure III of the paper placed [a] on the table of the House.

(*c*) A cash grant up to a maximum of Rs. 30 is normally given to each poor family, affected by fire accident for rehabilitation purposes.

In more deserving cases, in addition to the cash grant, handloom clothes not exceeding Rs. 10 in value are supplied freely to the victims of fire accident.

The victims are also eligible for loans up to a maximum of Rs. 1,000 in the case of agriculturists and Rs. 100 in the case of others for reconstructing their houses.

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a Printed as Appendix I on pages 153–157 infra.